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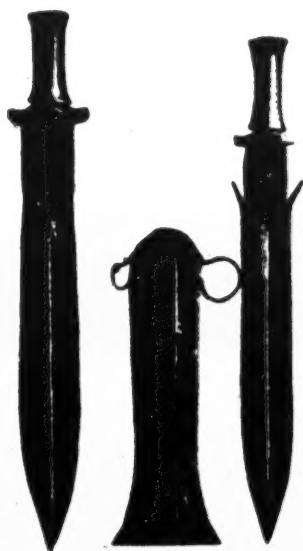


Fig. 80. Swords and Sheath
made of Brass. One-fifth
actual size.

726 Fang especially are extremely warlike and quarrelsome and not at all disinclined to military expeditions that promise to yield booty. At the same time, they know how to take full advantage of their forested land. They surprise the enemy at impassable [184] places, lie in ambush in the dense bush, and sometimes carry out night raids when the occasion is favorable, whereas generally the Pangwe is loath to undertake nocturnal expeditions. Furthermore, they impede the advance of the enemy through "chevaux-de-frise," that is, pointed sticks made of the bark of raffia leafstalks and planted in the ground, as well as through pitfalls which are well covered like the traps for game, but wider and deeper, and similarly spiked on the floor. In hand-to-hand combat [723] they throw the spiked stems of Macaranga ledermanniana Pax [824] (as Ys) between the legs of their enemies. /248/

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722 In unsettled times, women, children, and -- insofar as this is possible -- movable property are taken to safety, that is, to 712 hiding places in the forest or to friendly villages. Fortifications